

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:
2 a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;
3 an operator for controlling operation of said motor; and
4 a wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational
5 signals to said operator, said wall station having an open/close switch for
6 actuating said motor to move the barrier in the appropriate direction; and
7 said wall station also having an auto-close/blocking selector switch which, if
8 enabled in a blocking mode, precludes said operator from receiving operational
9 signals from any source other than said wall station.

- 1 2. The operator system according to claim 1, wherein said blocking selector switch
2 comprises additional modes of manual-close and auto-close, wherein if said auto-
3 close mode is selected said operator automatically closes the barrier if left open
4 for a predetermined period of time.

- 1 3. The operator system according to claim 2, wherein said wall station comprises:
2 a panel carrying said open/close switch and said selector switch; and
3 a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a
4 first position permits access to said switch and in a second position conceals said
5 switches but allows actuation of said open/close switch.

- 1 4. The operator system according to claim 2, further comprising:
2 a light controlled by said operator; and
3 a light switch carried by said wall station to control said light, wherein if
4 said light is illuminated said auto-close mode is disabled.

- 1 5. An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:
2 a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;
3 an operator for controlling operation of said motor; and
4 a wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational
5 signals to said operator, said wall station having an open/close switch for actuating
6 said motor to move the barrier in the appropriate direction;

7 said operator capable of receiving operational signals from said wall station
8 transmitter and any programmed transmitter;
9 said wall station also having a manual-close/auto-close/block switch,
10 wherein if a manual-close mode is selected said operator only closes the door upon
11 receipt of a door close signal from one of said wall station and said programmed
12 transmitter;
13 wherein if an auto-close mode is selected said operator automatically closes
14 the barrier if left open for a predetermined period of time; and
15 wherein if a block mode is selected, said operator is precluded from
16 receiving operational signals from any source other than said wall station
17 transmitter, wherein said operator generates a warning signal immediately prior to
18 said operator automatically closing the barrier, and wherein said operator
19 incrementally closes the barrier after completion of the said warning signal, unless
20 one of said operational signals is received during one of said warning signal,
21 during the incremental closing of said barrier, and while said barrier is paused.

1 6. The operator system according to claim 5, wherein said wall station comprises:
2 a panel carrying said open/close switch and said selector switch; and
3 a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first
4 position permits access to said switches and in a second position conceals said
5 switches but allows actuation of said open/close switch.

1 7. The operator system according to claim 6, wherein said cover comprises:
2 an exterior surface;
3 an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;
4 a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said
5 open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and
6 said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said
7 open/close switch with said nub.

1 8. The operator system according to claim 7, wherein said exterior surface has a
2 distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.

1 9. The operator system according to claim 5, wherein said operator further comprises:

2 a photo detector or other means for generating operational signals.

1 10. The operator system according to claim 5, wherein said operator generates a
2 second warning signal after said incremental closing and prior to said operator
3 automatically closing the barrier.

1 11. The operator system according to claim 10, wherein said operator closes the barrier
2 after completion of said second warning signal, unless one of said operational
3 signals is received during one of said warning signal, during said incremental
4 closing of said barrier, and while said barrier is paused.

1 12. The operator system according to claim 5, wherein said operator generates a
2 warning signal immediately prior to said operator incrementally closing the barrier,
3 whereupon said operator repeats generation of said warning signal and incremental
4 closing until the barrier is completely closed.

1 13. The operator system according to claim 12, wherein the barrier is returned to an
2 open position if one of said operational signals is received during one of said
3 warning signal, or during said incremental closing of said barrier, and while said
4 barrier is paused.